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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF DENTISTRY

IN THE MATTER OF

ROBERT BATES, Jr., R.D.A.
Licensed No. DP 3082

LICENSED TO PRACTICE AS A
DENTAL ASSISTANT IN THE
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

FINAL ORDER
OF DISCIPLINE

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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry ("the Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and on which the following findings are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Robert Bates, Jr., R.D.A. (respondent) has been a licensee of the Board at all times relevant hereto, authorized to practice as a registered dental assistant.
2. By certified mail dated February 24, 1999, the Board notified the respondent that he had failed to submit proof of the required five (5) hours of continuing education credits for the 1999-2000 biennial renewal period. The Board granted an extension for the submission of the continuing education credits pursuant to statute until May 28, 1999. The certified green card mail receipt was returned signed. Respondent did not respond to the notification.

3. By certified mail dated July 9, 1999, a Uniform Penalty Letter ("UPL") assessing a civil penalty in the amount of \$300 was sent to respondent for failure to submit adequate proof of completion of continuing education credits for the 1999-2000 biennial renewal period. The certified letter was returned unclaimed. Respondent did not respond to the UPL.

4. The July 9, 1999 UPL was remailed via regular and certified mail on August 5, 1999. The certified mail was signed for on August 10, 1999. As of this date no response has been received from respondent.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

Respondent's actions as set forth herein constitute a violation of N.J.A.C. 13:30 -2.5(a) and provide grounds for discipline pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21 (h).

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusion, a Provisional Order of Discipline suspending respondent's license to practice as a registered dental assistant in the State of New Jersey until he completed the required continuing education courses and paid a \$300.00 civil penalty was entered on February 17, 2000 and a copy was forwarded to respondent's last known address by certified mail. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th business day following entry unless respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the stated Findings of Fact or Conclusion of Law by submitting a written request for modification or dismissal setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor.

Although the record reflects that the Provisional Order was served upon respondent, no response has been received to date. Accordingly, the Board considered the matter, determined that further proceedings were not necessary and the Provisional Order should be made final.

IT IS THEREFORE, on this 12th day of July 2000,

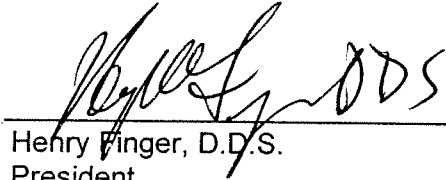
HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Respondent's registration as a dental assistant in the State of New Jersey is hereby suspended for, at a minimum, sixty (60) days from the date this order is filed and shall not be restored until such time as he: a) provides proof of completion to the Board of all outstanding continuing education credits as detailed above, and b) pays a civil penalty in the amount of \$300.00. The credits are in addition to the ten (10) hours of continuing education credits required for the next renewal period.

2. Payment shall be made by certified check or money order payable to the State of New Jersey and submitted to Agnes M. Clark, Executive Director, Board of Dentistry, P.O. Box 45005, Sixth Floor, 124 Halsey Street Newark, New Jersey, and is due no later than ten days after the filing of a Final Order.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

By: _____


Henry Finger, D.D.S.
President